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Mr. Paul B. Comstock, Executive Director
The Florida Bar
Supreme Court Building
P. O. Box 1226
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Comstock:

Thank you very much for your letter of 22 March inviting Mrs. Dulles and me to be the guests of the Florida Bar at its convention from 5 through 8 May and for me to make an address on 6 May.

I sincerely regret that I will be unable to accept your kind invitation. Because of my many official commitments and heavy work schedule, I have made it a policy to try to keep my outside speaking engagements to a minimum. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time. However, your courtesy in asking Mrs. Dulles and me to join you is indeed appreciated, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success in your convention.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Several of the leading members of the legal profession in Florida who have known you professionally and who have admired your patriotic service have urged that we prevail upon you to address our annual convention in Miami Beach the first week of May. For my own part, it would be a great pleasure to see you again. I remember with a feeling of warm satisfaction my work with you, Mr. Herbert Hoover, Jr., and the other members of the OCB when I was on its staff. Your contributions to the strengthening of the free world countries were of major importance (and your refreshing wit frequently kept some of the meetings from stopping on dead center, in my opinion).

You and Mrs. Dulles are invited to be the guests of The Florida Bar at the Americana Hotel on Miami Beach throughout the convention, 5 May through 8 May, and we would like to schedule you for an address late in the morning of Friday, 6 May 1960.

We know that your schedule is full, but I believe that you could bring a message of inspiration to your fellow members of the bar down here, as a culmination of the Law Day celebration which would richly justify the effort. Incidentally, our primary orientation is toward Latin America. You might even wish to say a few words about some neighboring islands! I am sure that all eyes and ears would be directed toward Miami.

Cordially,

Paul

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